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WHY DO YOU FEEL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT?

I think that a Christian Education is an important tool that helps our children learn about this world that we live in and how God is at the center of it. They learn how He created it and how He maintains it. Along the way, they learn how God wants to relate to them through His son, Jesus, as well as through relationships with friends, teachers, and others. Christian education helps our children form their worldviews with the Bible right there to help. While it doesn't replace a parent's or a church's role in our children's lives it provides an important role nonetheless.

EDUCATION AT SOUTH CHRISTIAN IS BASED ON A REFORMED UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE AND THE WORLD. WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU, AND HOW DOES THIS MAKE SOUTH CHRISTIAN DIFFERENT FROM OTHER PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL HIGH SCHOOLS?

I believe that the Bible is the inspired and authoritative word of God. I think SCHS works to incorporate the Bible and its teachings in order to help our students view the world through that lens. While I don't have experience with other private or parochial schools I would not want my children learning differently than they are at SCHS.

HOW IS YOUR LIFE CHRIST-CENTERED?

Well, I am aware enough to know that my life is not centered around Christ enough, but that awareness helps me continue to look for ways to put Him more in the center of my life. I enjoy my time reading scripture and doing devotions as soon as I wake up before my day starts. I do my best as I encounter people's needs, to pray for them on a daily basis. I enjoy serving with others, especially for passion projects like mobile food pantries. And personally when there are good songs to listen and sing to I feel tangibly connected to my heavenly father.

WHAT SPECIFIC SKILLS OR ABILITIES DO YOU SEE YOURSELF BRINGING TO THE BOARD? (Examples might include education, legal, finance/budgeting/planning, building facilities, fundraising, promotion or marketing, strategic planning, interpersonal skills.) ALSO, IDENTIFY ANY LEADERSHIP OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN.

I am a leader who enjoys bringing a team together to work towards a common goal. I've worked on budgets for my job and church. I've also been responsible for strategic planning for my category at work. I've dabbled in marketing and promotions at work as well.
Leadership activities = Lead Elder and Lead Deacon for Discovery CRC, Foundation Board at Legacy for 5 years
Volunteer activities = Mobile Food Pantry for Feeding America, Habitat for Humanity

WHAT CHALLENGES DO YOU SEE FACING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN GENERAL (AND SOUTH CHRISTIAN SPECIFICALLY) IN THE COMING YEARS? FEEL FREE TO SHARE IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE FOR FACING THESE CHALLENGES.

The culture today seems to be ever-changing and highly polarizing. Anchored in the Bible, Christian education faces enormous headwinds trying to prioritize mercy and grace in its training of our students. This isn't new and likely not going away. But it continues to underline how important it is to rely on God's word and prayer to navigate the future at SCHS.